

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Matthew D. Putnam et al.                      Art Unit : 3733  
Serial No. : 10/073,942                                      Examiner : David Owen Reip  
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Title : VOLAR FIXATION PLATE

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Final Office Action dated May 30, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1-8, 33 and 38.

A Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR §1.136 to extend the time to respond to the final rejection for 3 months to and including November 30, 2006 was filed on November 15, 2006 with a Response to Final Office Action.

Please apply the Appeal Fee of \$250 and any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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